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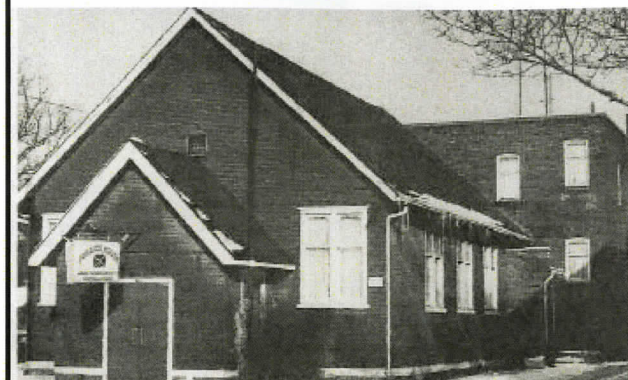
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Audrey Campbell
President

It has been a tremendous year of celebration and changes! On July 21st we celebrated the Jamaican Canadian Association's (JCA) 50th Anniversary. The JCA looked spectacular! Thanks to our Building Committee, the new tiles for the lobby and board area as well as new flooring in halls one and two were completed in time. The guest speaker, Senator K.D. Knight, added a bit of nostalgia to the evening as he was the guest speaker at JCA's 40th anniversary. The halls were filled with close to 400 well wishers as we paid homage to our founding and long standing members, JCA Past Presidents and Board members that were instrumental in building the JCA legacy.

The celebrations were capped off on August 11th with a Grand Gala in honour of Jamaica's 50th Anniversary of Independence at the Metro Convention Centre. The event was co-chaired by JCA and if I can say so, it was magnificent! I would imagine on the same level and grandeur as that of the first Independence Dinner in 1962 at the King Edward Hotel. JCA was presented with an award of acknowledgement for its contribution to building the presence of Jamaicans in Canada. CBC was the official media sponsor for the Jamaica 50 celebrations and they broadcasted many positive stories of Jamaicans in Canada. I was proud to see some of my JCA seniors on the CBC evening news being interviewed at the JCA Centre. For those of you who missed this, these stories can be found in the CBC archives for Jamaica 50th on the internet.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Michael A. Foster
Chief Executive Officer

Happy 50th anniversary JCA, and happy 50th independence Jamaica! The celebrations this year makes us proud of the achievements of Jamaicans at home and in the Diaspora. Usain Bolt's win in the 100 and 200 metres finals at the 2012 London Olympics and the superb performance of all the Jamaican athletes will make the Jamaican 50th Golden Jubilee celebrations a memorable one for many years to come. Over the summer the staff at the JCA continued to engage the community in a meaningful way and delivered a high quality of services to individuals, families and organizations.

In April, the employment program hosted a job fair at the JCA. There were 192 job seekers who participated, and 9 employers. Once again, our job fair was a success.

After several months of planning, the pilot project between Children's Aid Society of Toronto (CAST), Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto (CCAS) and JCA officially started on April 1. The project is called the African/Caribbean/Canadian Family Enrichment Program, and is aimed at reunifying families in the African-Canadian community. We are very excited about this new venture.

In the midst of the above mentioned festivities, the planned renovations to the building continued on track. The broken tiles in the lobby and board areas which were a safety risk and the floors in both halls were replaced. The lights in the building were been retrofitted for energy efficiency. The final stage of the planned upgrades is the repair of areas of the roof. The total costs of the renovations are approximately \$90,000, 50 percent of which is offset by a grant from the Trillium Foundation. We are focused on Fundraising and other initiatives to pay for these much needed repairs. The 50th Anniversary Direct Mail Campaign is part of this fundraising campaign. The first phase of the Direct Mail was targeted to the active JCA Membership. The second phase will focus on past members and the wider community.

Our sincere thanks to those who have generously donated to date and we encourage those that haven't yet to support this initiative.

In addition to fundraising, our focus has been on the recent spike in the youth violence in our city. JCA, represented by the President has been in meetings with the Premier, Mayor and Police Chief in conjunction with our Community Partners. The CEO along with our Youth Outreach Partners and the members of the Jane Finch Community have met with Eric Hoskins, Minister of Children & Youth Services to ensure that the recommendations and views of the community are represented. JCA's is advocating for investment in Youth programs that have proven to encourage and empower youths in a positive and productive manner.

As always, we thank you, our members, for your unwavering support as we continue the work of this great organization.

Our annual summer camp started on July 2 and will run until August 17. We received funding from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC), Canada Summer Jobs program to hire two counselors. We were also able to acquire two additional counselors through the Summer Jobs for Youth program hosted by Tropicana, helping to increase supervision of the campers. There were 10 kids registered in the camp this year. The kids participated in fun activities including excursions and games.

We will be having our annual United Way fundraising barbeque on August 28. Also, on August 30, the Youth Outreach Worker program will be hosting a back to school event.

The social services will be hosting an Elder Abuse Conference and Social Services Open House at the JCA on September 18. The conference is entitled, "Raising Awareness to Elder Abuse and Financial Abuse for Caribbean Seniors." There will also be several organizations participating in this forum.

Finally, I would like to say thanks to our financial contributors that support our programs and services. Also, kudos to our dedicated staff who continue to offer exemplary services in the face of limited resources. I am also appreciative of the contribution of services by the many volunteers and committee members at the JCA. And to our Board that remain tenacious and focused on the task ahead. Last, but not least, I would like to say a very big thanks to our clients and customers.

MESSAGE FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER



Sheila Sealy Monteith
High Commissioner

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The celebrations in Canada over this past weekend, for Jamaica 50, were simply inspiring and wonderful and worthy of the 50th anniversary of our Independence.

I spent Sunday August 5th in Toronto, first at the Flag-raising Ceremony at City Hall, where the traditional event this year was raised several notches higher with a parade by uniformed groups, counting on the presence of our Jamaican Deputy Chief of the Toronto Police, Peter Sloly. We considered the rainfall which led us indoors (pre-arranged as a good Jamaican does) a blessing on us and our country. With the unprecedented numbers which turned out, accompanied by provincial and municipal officials, representative of agencies of the Government of Jamaica and many distinguished guests, this proved a most auspicious start to the day.

From raising the flag, we proceeded directly to Revival Tabernacle Church to give God thanks. The offer of praise through music, scripture, sermon, dance, was interrupted only by the fact of the vista on two huge screens in the sanctuary, of Jamaica's prowess on the Olympic tracks in London. To God be the glory indeed as in the midst of the celebration the host church band broke into the 'anthem' One Love". CBC television was on hand to capture the Jamaicans and our supporters in all their glory. A return to the sermon was inevitable, even if delayed!

Early on Monday morning, back in Ottawa, Jamaicans in this smaller community flooded Parliament Hill for the Changing of the Guard Ceremony which was dedicated to Jamaica's 50th anniversary. Even the organizers of what is a public event for tourists and Canadians, could not but be impressed by the hundreds of us who turned out, to colour the lawns of this the seat of Government. An added tribute was the choice by the Ceremonial Guard of a Jamaican in the Canadian Forces to give out the orders for the ceremony.

A few minutes walk brought this huge, eager and joyful crowd, in numbers unprecedented for Ottawa, to City Hall for the flag-raising, first for a solemn ceremony on the lawn, accompanied by the National Song and Pledge, and then indoors for the tributes. In the presence of

the Mayor, Member of Parliament and other distinguished guests, several speakers paid tribute to our country and its achievements on this extraordinary day. In one of our lighter moments, the High Commissioner was symbolically gifted with a foot of yam (see photo below) by Ms. June Girvan, who also traced the important contribution made to Canada by historical Jamaican figures such as Robert Sutherland and Susan Agnes Bernard, the latter being the wife of Canada's first Prime Minister.

While I have yet to receive the reports, I am assured that other Jamaican communities in Canada had similar special commemorative events. We toasted in so many ways. The media showed much interest and offered commendable support in featuring our activities on air, on television and in print.

There is no one word to sum up the exhilaration, excitement, pride and gratitude we all felt in being Jamaican. This was about our triumphs at the Olympics but it was also about the revival of interest in our homeland which began with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of this significant milestone of our Independence at the start of the year. The spirit of our ancestors and those who led us into Independence is truly alive and well in Canada. To God be the Glory indeed!

The High Commissioner's HAT epitomized the pride we all felt in wearing the black, green and gold and was a HIT in Toronto and Ottawa!

Warm regards to all.



2012 JCA Elder Abuse Conference
Theme: Raising Awareness to Elder Abuse for Caribbean Seniors

Tuesday September 18, 2012 9:00am to 3:00pm.
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



Location: The Jamaican Canadian Association, 995 Arrow Road, Toronto, M9M 2Z5.

The Program features an exceptional lineup of community partners and experts who will be addressing issues related to combating elder abuse.

Come and hear presentations from: The Financial Sector, The Police, The Community & Experts in the field of Aging and Care of the Elderly

ALSO FEATURING: JCA SOCIAL SERVICE OPEN HOUSE

Student Poster Competition: "Imagine a World Without Elder Abuse"



*Registration is FREE and includes breakfast and lunch.
*Space is limited. Please register by contacting Allison Creighton at (416) 746-5772 ext. 257 or email: acreighton@jcaontario.org
Registration closes September 5, 2012.
Program Details to Follow



This project is funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors program.

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MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE

REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE JCA



Pam Reynolds
Membership Chair

The JCA represents the fulfillment of our long-term vision to celebrate our culture and heritage. Through the committees of the Board, staff, and volunteers, we work together to provide the highest quality of services and program delivery to clients, as well as events for the membership. Members are encouraged to become active in the organization through involvement on any of the several standing and ad-hoc committees. There are many ways to serve: as a member of the Board of Directors involved in setting policies that supports the mission and vision of the organization; or

joining one of the standing committees that help to guide the direction of the JCA.

Members of the JCA receive the following benefits and opportunities:

- * Official Laminated Membership Card
- * A copy of Mission/Vision Statement
- * A copy of the JCA by-laws/constitution
- * Qualification for the Volunteer Recognition Award
- * Representation on JCA Committees/Boards internal/external
- * Access to services and programs provided by JCA
- * Voting at all membership meetings
- * A discount on the rental of the JCA halls (for members in good standing only)
- * A free subscription to INFOCUS Magazine, our quarterly newsletter
- * Opportunities for learning and personal development

Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party is hosted by the JCA as a cultural way of celebrating Christmas with a black Santa and Mrs. Claus. This party for the children and grandchildren of members has become a family affair, but for the JCA it is an opportunity to give back to the members for their steadfast support of the organization throughout the year.

The Children's Christmas Party takes place on the second Sunday of December each year. It is made possible through generous donors who lend their support financially and in-kind. This annual event normally sees close to 200 children attending.

Seniors Group

The Seniors Group is probably the fastest growing group within the organization and in appreciation and recognizing their value to the organization, an annual Appreciation Brunch is held in their honour. This event is also hosted by the Board of Directors and Membership Committee to recognize and appreciate our senior members - members, who have given a tremendous amount of support to the organization over many years.

WOMEN'S SPACE



You are invited to a...

"Community Gifting" & Film Presentation

Hosted by the JCA Women's Committee

Date: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2012

Time: 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.

Cost: FREE (contributions welcome)

Location: Member's Lounge

The Jamaican Canadian Association
995 Arrow Road

Featured Film



Followed by a facilitated discussion

light refreshments provided

If you wish to donate, we will gladly accept New and unwrapped items

Examples of gifts include:

- * Baby clothes
- * Books/Toys
- * Diapers
- * Blankets
- * Toiletries, e.g.-Lotions powder, etc
- * Items for young women
- * Small appliances
- * TTC tokens
- * Food/ gift cards

2012 Community Recipient: TBA.
Thank you for your support.



You are cordially invited to the
90th Birthday Tribute and
Establishment of the

Amy Nelson Jubilee Scholarship

WHERE:

JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION
995 ARROW ROAD, TORONTO

WHEN:

SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

TIME:

1:00PM

R.S.V.P.

September 10, 2012

Pauline @ (416) 782-7130
Eunice @ (416) 496-8483
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Cost: \$50.00 per person.

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THE JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The JCA Scholarship Awards Program was established in 2003 to provide financial assistance to students from the Caribbean/African communities, who are pursuing post-secondary studies in Ontario universities or colleges. This is in keeping with the JCA's mandate of outreach and responding to the educational needs of the community.

In addition to outstanding academic achievements, recipients must demonstrate leadership qualities and commitment to community development through volunteering, community participation and active involvement in extra-curricular activities, such as sports and culture.

The JCA is able to achieve this mandate through the generous support from the various scholarship donors, sponsors and others who made significant contributions to the scholarship fund. This collective generosity resulted in the awarding of over \$270,000 since the start of the program in 2003.

It is worthy to note that some donors – including: Dr. Ezra Nesbeth; Erma Collins; Mary Anne Chambers; York Regional Police; Ryerson University; Humber College; and Dr. Lancelot Brown -- have been a part of the program either since its inception or very early after that.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the JCA scholarship, and in celebration of the JCA's 50th anniversary, our goal is to provide no less than fifty scholarships/bursaries at our awards presentation on September 15. New 2012 scholarships, such as the Jamaica 50th Legacy Scholarship, and the Dudley Laws Memorial Scholarship, will contribute to the achieving of this target.

Details on the available scholarships, selection criteria and the application form can be found on the JCA website: www.jcaontario.org, or by calling the JCA at 416-746-5772.

Past Scholarship Recipient Testimony



Being the recipient of The Jamaican Canadian Association Ryerson Scholarship enabled me to concentrate on completing my studies. As a newcomer to Canada, the award was very timely as I was able to purchase books and other school supplies for the academic year 2011 -2012. Without the scholarship there would have been a gap in my budget that would be a challenge for me. In addition to the economic benefits, receiving this prestigious scholarship also provided some amount of personal and professional enrichment for me and I am very grateful to the JCA for its contribution to my education.

Tresa Donaldson - 2011 Scholarship Recipient

I SHALL RETURN: THE REMIX

By Dwaine Osbourne- aka-The Mad Typist

Four years ago, I had the honour of penning an article for In-Focus, called "I Shall Return", borrowed from a poem of the same title by Jamaican Poet Claude McKay. The poem and the article expressed the longing to escape to a glorious moment. Yes -- I wanted to escape from my work cubicle to be in Jamaica celebrating Independence: road parade; the national stadium grand gala, Denbigh Agriculture show; food; music; and sight. 'Well, I did not escape then, and this year which marks the 50th anniversary of Jamaica's independence, I did not escape now. But don't be sad for me. Independence Celebration goes on no matter what, so here is: "I Shall Return: The Remix".

How would you celebrate when you can't make it to Jamaica to celebrate Independence? Well, I was able to attend a number of events right here in Toronto throughout the year.

You can see their intentions from the party flyers they posted. I attended one of these parties, and in the middle of the night at the height of the revelry, the Jamaican national anthem was played. While the crowd sang along, the respect and pride was overwhelming. Then the disc jockey followed immediately with Eric Donaldson's "Land of My Birth", and the place "'tun up"! (Get with the lingo this is "When English meet Patois". This meant the vibes were positive and celebratory.) Pride, music, people 'tun up!

This past March, a month where Canada is usually quite cold, we experienced unbelievable summer-like weather. Jamaican Senator, A.J. Nicholson, even commented, "Winter is aware yardie is here," when he was the guest speaker at the National Launch of Jamaica 50th celebration in Canada. Jamaican-Canadians from various cross-sections of life gathered in Ottawa for this launch that was under the distinguished patronage of the Jamaican High Commissioner, Ms. Sheila Montieth-Sealy. Jamaican artefacts and historic information were on display, including historic black and white photography of some notable Jamaicans: Ms. Louise Bennett; Bob Marley; Peter Tosh; Claude McKay; Buju Banton; Arthur Wint and Donald Quarry, just to name a few. The book, "When Ackee Meet Codfish", was also launched at this event. I have been inspired to create a remix for this book: "When English Meet Patois".

One glorious sports moment was seeing the numbers of people who came to the annual Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Association (AJAA) Soccerfest competition of Jamaican high schools, despite the heavy rain. They came out with their families, dressed in either their Alumni's or Jamaica's colours. The rain poured but the game persisted, and the sun came out to bless and complete the day's event.

The annual Jamaica Day event took place on July 28 at Downsview Park. The event celebrated the culture and acted as a meeting place for new and old friends, reminiscent of a 'yard' gathering. Even the long trek from the parking lot to the park grounds took you along a

landscape that draws some slight resemblance to a Jamaican countryside of hills and dirt roads. Most of us visited that same "countryside" just one week later for the Jambana celebration event on August 6, the day that officially marks Jamaica's Independence. People came out in the thousands, dressed in their colours.

"For today, today, today is a happy day. For tonight tonight, can be another night." (Toots & the Maytals, "Pomps and Pride").

I think the nation of Jamaica and its people would not have much to be celebrating without the blessings from above. These blessings were on display on August 5, as many gathered at Toronto's City Hall for the Jamaica flag-raising ceremony, marking the island's independence, and the contributions that its people have made in Canada.

The ceremony was followed by a church service at the Revivaltime Tabernacle to give thanks and praise to God. Can I have an Amen! Many people came out to pack the church, even when it rained. Attendees came from all walks of life: pastoral figures; a marching band; political representatives; members from the police force;

'somebody granny and somebody pickney'. And everyone was dressed in their Sunday best.

"It is no wonder. It's a perfect pander. While they were dancing in that bar room last night..." (The Maytals, "Sweet and Dandy").

The grand celebration was in full swing in the halls of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on August 11. Jamaicans and Jamaicans-alike came out looking their best at the formal affair (no bell foot pants or crinoline dresses here) while the room was decorated with tropical plants reminded you of home. Guest speakers included Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty; Senator A.J. Nicholson; performances from poet, Mutabaruka; singer Derrick Harriot; and young violinist sensation, Jessica Yap, just to name a few. JCA President Audrey Campbell accepted on award from the Jamaica 50th group for JCA's continuous support to the Jamaican community.

In a way, I did return. Not to the beautiful island but to some of its culture that makes Jamaicans who they are. Follow me and escape in every moment that present itself to celebrate and honour our culture and people wherever you may be. Feel free to even title your moments *"I Shall Return: The Remix"*.

PASSING THE BATON- NEW INTERIM PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR



Yolán Williams-Henry
Public Relations Chair

Just as the baton was passed on in the 4 x 100 metre relay event in the London 2012 Olympics by the Jamaican team, the JCA Public Relations Chair, Yolán Williams-Henry has handed the baton over to Simone Banton, Interim Chair, Public Relations.

Yolán has served over two years in the capacity of Public Relations Chair and is honoured to have served in that

capacity. The connections made and relationships built will always have a special place in her heart. With the expansion of her family, Yolán has decided to focus more on the home front.

In so doing, she has prepared Simone who is no stranger to JCA, having served on various committees, to fill her shoes. Yolán has great confidence in Simone and knows she will fill the role exceptionally.

Yolán continues to liaise and guide Simone for a smooth transition in the current role.

GENERAL MILLS FOODS DONATES TO THE JCA



Sylvanus Thompson
VP Volunteer Services

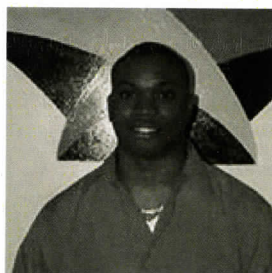
JCA recently received a very generous donation of books and youth T-Shirts from General Mills Foods. The very large shipment included close to 2000 Vancouver 2010 Olympics T-Shirts and hundreds of novels by best selling authors.

Some of those titles included: How to Stop Worrying and Start Living –Time Tested Methods for Conquering Worry by Dale Carnegie; The Queen of Clean – A Year of Tips and Tricks for a Cleaner House and More

Organized Life, by New York Times best-selling author Linda Cobb; I Do (But I Don't), by Cara Lockwood; The Vanished Man by Jeffery Deaver, author of New York Times bestseller The Bone Collector; and Hitched: A Regan Reilly Mystery by Carol Higgins Clark.

JCA members and the wider community are welcome to select copies of the books, while the shirts will be sent to schools and other institutions, mainly in Jamaica.

CALLING ALL YOUTH



Lance Roach
Youth Committee Chair

attending local community events as the JCA Youth Chair, and listening to the concerns of our youths in the community.

My warmest greetings to everyone to the members of the Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA)! As the new Youth Committee Chair, I'm honoured to be serving on the JCA Board. I look forward to working with our respective Board members to help face the different challenges to the Jamaican-Canadian community. As Youth Chair, my aim is to bring strong leadership qualities and be a good example in the community, so we can have something strong in the years to come. I've truly enjoyed myself

The JCA Youth Affairs Committee is currently looking for more committed youths to be a part of this incredible organization. We're looking for youth who can bring new and fresh ideas to help continue to build an organization that youth can become a positive influence within our society, helping to create a brighter future.

Every idea that each person brings counts, so this would be an amazing opportunity for youths to have their input on important decisions being made within our community. Does this look like a challenge that you would be interested in being a part of? For more information, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at youthaffairs@jcaontario.org.

Thank you, and I look forward to working with you all.

JCA SUCCESS STORIES

YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER PROGRAM

In 2010 I met 15-year-old twin sisters who were referred by a guidance counsellor based at Sir Sanford Fleming High School. The guidance counsellor had identified numerous concerns and felt that I could provide them with vital support and services. The sisters were born and raised in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and were brought to Canada in 2008 by their mother. Before they migrated, their mother had promised them a new life, one filled with scores of opportunities. The sisters decided to go with the support of their grandmother, who had raised them.

They believed that this experience would give them an opportunity to reconnect with their mother and to strengthen the bond between them. According to the sisters, the first couple of months in Canada were blissful and their relationship with their mother was as they had hoped: It was going very well. However, when they started high school that's when their lives became chaotic. The sisters informed their guidance counsellor that things weren't going well at home; they told us that their mom was both verbally and physically abusive towards them.

After I connected with their mom, and assisted the family to navigate and access the various community supports available, the family's living situation improved tremendously. Unfortunately, their mother later had a major breakdown, which resulted in the girls being at risk of homelessness. I assisted them to find temporary youth shelter and later permanent housing. I encouraged the girls to remain in school and maintain their grades.

Currently, the young ladies have made a two bedroom apartment their home. They have founded a community-based organization geared towards assisting young women who face similar reunification issues. They are also employed in part-time jobs, while attending school as full-time students.

I feel a deep sense of pride when I consider how well these sisters have overcome their challenges. They are now empowered to assist other young women in difficult situations or who are at risk. They have certainly taught me that there is much to achieve when young people are able to overcome the various barriers to their success. It's youth contacts such as these ladies that gives me a real sense of fulfilment as a Provincial Youth Outreach Worker.

Contributed by:
Hasha Alexander
Youth Outreach Worker

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

A recent immigrant to Canada, T.D., an older adult, experienced many challenges and obstacles in his attempts at moving forward and finding employment. Like many newcomers, T.D. first went to his local library to access community resources and make connections. They in turn referred him to the Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA).

At the JCA, he was able to find great comfort in a culturally sensitive environment. He found an organization that not only has assisted the Caribbean community and other diverse communities for the past 50 years, but also an organization that truly understood his plight and wanted him to succeed.

After numerous meetings with the Employment Counselor, T.D. was guided back to the correct path of effectively finding employment. The Employment Counsellor assisted him by creating a resume that highlighted his true abilities. He was also referred to a literacy program that would further help him overcome his reading and writing challenges.

For every job opportunity that came up, the Job Developer would test T. D. in person or over the phone to coach him and assess his job readiness. When there were no job opportunities available, the JCA employment staff continued to support T.D. to build his self-esteem and confidence.

The Job Developer continued to seek out other employers who would be willing to hire Mr. D; he had the heart and passion to work but all he needed was just one chance: one employer who would utter the three magical words which every job seeker longs to hear: "You are hired!" That employer was Topnotch, which had a position for disassembling computers at a recycling plant.

JCA employment staff knew that T.D. would be a perfect fit for such an organization; He was successful in gaining a position but before he officially started the following week, the Job Developer and the Employment Counsellor met with him and coached him on Job Maintenance techniques. Periodically, the Job Developer checks to see how T.D. is progressing in his new job. T.D.'s employer is quite pleased about his work ethics and also the employment staff at the JCA.

Contributed by:
Colin McClean
Job Developer

JCA SOCIAL SERVICES

- Employment
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- Parenting

- Youth Outreach Worker
- Violence Against Women
- Caribbean Canadian Seniors Club
- Saturday Morning Tutorial



JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION UNITED WAY BBQ FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2012
11AM TO 3PM

LIVE MUSIC - RAFFLES - FOOD - DRINKS
FUN - LAUGHTER - CONVERSATION

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THE ANNUAL SENIORS APPRECIATION BRUNCH

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2012
1:30 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.



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The Jamaican Canadian Association
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Enjoy an afternoon of fun, entertainment, food and good company!

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Phone: 416 746 5772 or email us at info@jcaontario.org to
sponsor a senior (s) or order tickets.



THE JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

TOMORROW BELONGS TO US:
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JCA 10TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

DINNER AND DANCE
TIME 7:00PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: EMILY MILLS (CBC TELEVISION)

MUSIC BY: DJ FUNKY

TICKETS: ADULT \$45 CHILDREN \$25

INFO 416-746-5772 WWW.JCAONTARIO.ORG

Jamaican Canadian Centre
995 ARROW RD. TORONTO



Come Have Fun

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Association**

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**For A Day Full Of Fun
And Entertainment**

**December 2nd 2012
2PM TO 5PM**

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